



# School-to-Work

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# Beginnings

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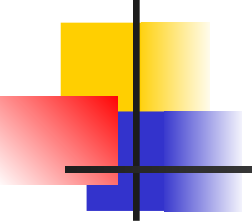
- 1994 STW Opportunities Act
- Individualized State Administration
- Four Year Funding
- Difference between IA & IL
- One of last two states



# Why?

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- Facilitate communication between business, labor and education
- 80% jobs need some level of post-secondary education
- 10 years lost in wondering around
- Needs change quickly, education does not



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**“When I was young, I  
wanted to be somebody.  
Now I wish I had been  
more specific.”**

**Lily Tomlin**



# IL QC Chamber, STW Partnership

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- First Coordinator hired in 1995
- Regional approach: Rock Island, Henry, Stark, Mercer Counties
- Train-the-trainer to more direct approach
- Collaboration #1: Vo-Tech Region, BHC, Western, ROE, PJTP/WIB, Labor, Business, US Chamber and other educators



# Goals

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- Connecting business, labor and education
- Encouraging career development
- Helping students see the relevance of their education
- Ensuring that essential workplace skills are developed



# Who Participates

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All Learners

- Disabled
- Gifted
- At-Risk
- College Bound
- Job Bound
- K-16



# Accomplishments

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- 54,800 students and 3,000 educators impacted
- 78% of educators have begun school-to-work activities since the Partnership was founded
- 72% see that their students have benefited
- 76% report that students understood the relevance of what they are learning
- 70% said students have improved social/personal skills and other workplace skills





# Programs

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- Student Leadership
- Arsenal Summer Internships
- Job Expo
- Academic Achievement
- K-8 Project
- Five Skills for Success
- Newsletters



# New Programs

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- College Newsletter
- College Prep Academy
- “Prepared for Work” Certificate
- Summer Jobs Posters
- Materials



# Resources

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## Websites:

- [quadcitychamber.com](http://quadcitychamber.com) STW button
- [isbe.state.il.us/etc/](http://isbe.state.il.us/etc/)
- [iowaworkforce.org/connections/](http://iowaworkforce.org/connections/)
- [ilworkinfo.com/](http://ilworkinfo.com/)